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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
FUJIMOTO ET AL.

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Examiner: D. Margaret M. Seaman

APPLICATION NO: 10/724,457

FILED: NOVEMBER 25, 2003

FOR: CERTAIN PHENYLACETIC ACIDS AND DERIVATIVES

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 19, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 19, 2005. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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